

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D—Ore) issued the following statement tonight in response to President Bush’s Annual State of the Union Address:

“The President gave us no hint that he understands Americans’ problems – or knows how to solve them. Instead of proposing common sense solutions, he continued to advocate and defend the misguided policies of his administration – from the quagmire in Iraq, to the failed response to hurricane Katrina, to spying on the American public, to his refusal to help those who lack adequate health insurance.”

“One of the most glaring examples was his call to end our addiction to oil. He never once mentioned “conservation” which is the cheapest, quickest and most effective way to reduce this costly and dangerous addiction.”

“The area that could most have used Presidential leadership was fighting the cloud of corruption that hangs over Washington, DC, tainting everything that Congress does. It is unfortunate that there were no strong words from the President of his disgust with these abuses or a commitment to clean them up.”